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The reply filed on 07/18/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the Final rejection mailed 10/30/02 set forth that the corrected drawings and drawing corrections would not be held in abeyance. The examiner sent out a notice of incomplete response 06/20/03 stating the response filed 03/28/03 had failed to respond to each and every grounds of objection and rejection and that the drawing corrections/corrected drawings would not be held in abeyance. The response filed 07/18/03 once again fails to include corrected drawings or address the objections set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Final rejection. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J Canfield whose telephone number is 703-308-2482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 703-308-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2168.

Robert Canfield

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Canfield', with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert Canfield
Primary Examiner